

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled non-elected claims 9-15 and are filing concurrently herewith a Petition to Amend Inventorship to delete named joint inventor Makoto Akinaga as an inventor on this application in light of the cancellation of the non-elected claims above.

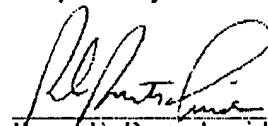
Early action allowing claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 for the reasons of record is solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952**, Docket No. **259052003600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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